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Dear Sir/Madam:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22. 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months which expired on December 22, 2009, please extend the time to reply to January 22, 2009 please amend the application and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.